

NOTICE OF FILING
SOUTH CAROLINA UTILITIES, INC.
APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES
DOCKET NO. 2004-95-S

South Carolina Utilities, Inc. has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for sewerage service provided to its customers in Gem Lakes Subdivision, Aiken County, South Carolina. This application is made pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sec 58-5-210 *et seq.*, R.103-514.4, and R.103-834.

The Company has requested an increase in its rates and charges in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, and be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment.

The Company has pending before the Commission in Docket No. 2003-250-S an amended petition for approval of an interconnection agreement between the Company and the City of Aiken for bulk sewer transportation and treatment service.

This instant application is necessitated in order to establish a collection only sewer charge and a pass-through of the bulk service charges levied by the City of Aiken.

THE PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES ARE:

Charge for Sewage Collection Service Only (All Areas)

Residential-monthly charge	\$83.90
Commercial-monthly charge	\$83.90 per SFE

The utility will also charge for transportation and treatment services provided by the government body or agency or other entity.

Under the terms of the interconnection agreement pending in Docket No. 2003-250-S, the City of Aiken will charge \$3.76 per thousand gallons for treatment services. Based on the average flow for the Gem Lakes S/D of 6,376 gallons per month, the monthly cost for the City of Aiken's treatment services will be \$23.97. This rate is subject to change by vote of a simple majority of the Aiken City Council. The City of Aiken's monthly treatment charge would be added to the utility's proposed collection only sewer charge.

The following charges were approved by Commission Order 91-186 and no change in them is being requested.

Non-recurring Charges:

1. Sewer service connection charge per SFE (plus any governmental tap, impact or connection charges)	\$200.00
2. Customer Account Charge	\$ 25.00
3. Reconnection Charge	\$250.00
4. Notification Fee	\$ 4.00

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, **WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P. A.**, P.O. Box 8416, Columbia, SC 29202 -8416.

A public hearing will held in Columbia, South Carolina, in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify in writing, Mr. Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director, at the address below and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire at the above address, on or before **May 28, 2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-95-S.*

Any person who wishes to present his views, but is unable or does not wish to appear and testify at the hearing may do so in writing on or before **May 28, 2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-95-S.*

Any person who wishes to participate in the hearing as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 28, 2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-95-S.*

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5115.

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